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FLORIDA DIVISION OF ELECTIONS CATHERINE COOK OBSERVES INDIAN RIVER COUNTY'S PRE-ELECTION PUBLIC TEST

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office conducted the Pre-Election Public Test of the voting equipment and tabulation equipment on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. All voting and tabulation equipment to be used in the upcoming Primary Election is thoroughly tested at the conclusion of maintenance and programming per Florida Statute 101.5612. The purpose of the testing is to determine that the voting system is properly programmed, the election is correctly defined on the voting system, and that all of the voting system input, output, and communication devices are working properly.

Catherine Cook from the Florida Division of Elections was present to observe the public testing of the voting equipment. This was Mrs. Cook's first visit to Indian River County. Earlier in the day she attended the pre-election equipment testing in Osceola County.

The public test is conducted by processing a pre-audited, marked group of ballots, running the ballots through the voting and tabulation machines, and then the results are compared with the number of pre-determined valid votes for each candidate or issue. Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan said, "A random sample of optical scan and touchscreen voting machines were tested as well as the high-speed absentee ballot tabulator. The final tabulated results accurately matched the control sheet."

The voting equipment is now ready for delivery to the early voting and Election Day polling sites. Many candidates were in attendance to observe the testing process.